

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (withdrawn) A non-aqueous electrolyte for a lithium secondary battery to be used in combination with a positive electrode and a negative electrode capable of storing and releasing lithium, which comprises a non-aqueous solvent and a lithium salt dissolved therein,

wherein said non-aqueous solvent comprises:

- (a) a phosphate comprising both (a1) a chain state phosphate and (a2) a cyclic phosphate; and
- (b1) a cyclic carboxylate.

Claim 2. (withdrawn) The non-aqueous electrolyte according to claim 1, wherein said chain state phosphate (a1) is contained in said non-aqueous solvent in an amount of 10 to 60% by volume, based on the total volume of said chain state phosphate (a1) and said cyclic carboxylate (b1).

Claim 3. (previously presented) A non-aqueous electrolyte for a lithium secondary battery to be used in combination with a

positive electrode and a negative electrode capable of storing and releasing lithium, which comprises a non-aqueous solvent and a lithium salt dissolved therein,

wherein said non-aqueous solvent comprises:

(a) at least one phosphate selected from the group consisting of (a1) a chain state phosphate and (a2) a cyclic phosphate;

(b1) a cyclic carboxylate;

(c1) a vinylene carbonate compound and (c2) a vinylethylene carbonate compound.

Claim 4. (original) The non-aqueous electrolyte according to claim 3, wherein said phosphate (a) is contained in said non-aqueous solvent in an amount of 10 to 90% by volume, based on the total volume of said phosphate (a) and said cyclic carboxylate (b1).

Claim 5. (withdrawn) A non-aqueous electrolyte for a lithium secondary battery to be used in combination with a positive electrode and a negative electrode capable of storing and releasing lithium, which comprises a non-aqueous solvent and a lithium salt dissolved therein,

wherein said non-aqueous solvent comprises:

(a) at least one phosphate selected from (a1) a chain state phosphate and (a2) a cyclic phosphate;

at least one compound selected from (c1) a vinylene carbonate compound and (c2) a vinylethylene carbonate compound; and

at least one compound selected from the group consisting of (d1) a cyclic amide compound, (d2) a cyclic carbamate compound, and (d3) a heterocyclic compound.

Claim 6. (withdrawn) The non-aqueous electrolyte according to claim 5, wherein said non-aqueous solvent further comprises (b1) a cyclic carboxylate, wherein said phosphate (a) is contained in said non-aqueous solvent in an amount of 10 to less than 100% by volume, based on the total volume of said phosphate (a) and said cyclic carboxylate (b1).

Claim 7. (withdrawn) A non-aqueous electrolyte for a lithium secondary battery to be used in combination with a positive electrode and a negative electrode capable of storing and releasing lithium, said non-aqueous electrolyte comprising a non-aqueous solvent and a lithium salt dissolved therein

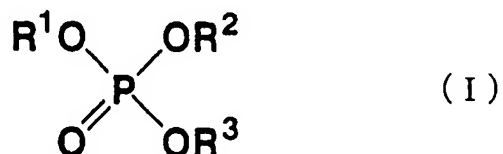
wherein said non-aqueous solvent comprises:

(a) at least one phosphate selected from (a1) a chain state phosphate and (a2) a cyclic phosphate; and

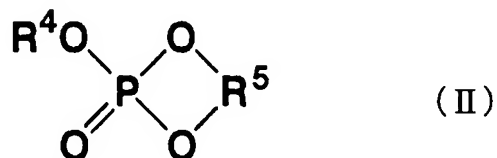
(c1) a vinylene carbonate compound and (c2) a vinylethylene carbonate compound.

Claim 8. (canceled)

Claim 9. (previously presented) The non-aqueous electrolyte according to any one of claims 1 to 7, wherein said chain state phosphate (a1) is represented by said following formula (I):



wherein R¹ to R³ each independently represent an unsubstituted or fluorine-substituted linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms,
and said cyclic phosphate (a2) is represented by the following formula (II):



wherein R⁴ represents an unsubstituted or fluorine-substituted, linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and R⁵ represents a linear or branched alkylene group having 2 to 8 carbon atoms.

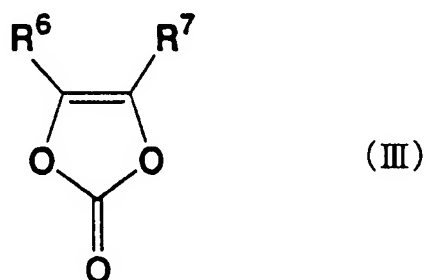
Claim 10. (original) The non-aqueous electrolyte according to claim 9, wherein said chain state phosphate (a1) is at least one chain state phosphate selected from the group consisting of trimethyl phosphate, trifluoroethyldimethyl phosphate, bis(trifluoroethyl)methyl phosphate and tris(trifluoroethyl)

phosphate, and said cyclic phosphate (a2) is at least one cyclic phosphate selected from the group consisting of ethylenemethyl phosphate, ethyleneethyl phosphate and ethylenetrifluoroethyl phosphate.

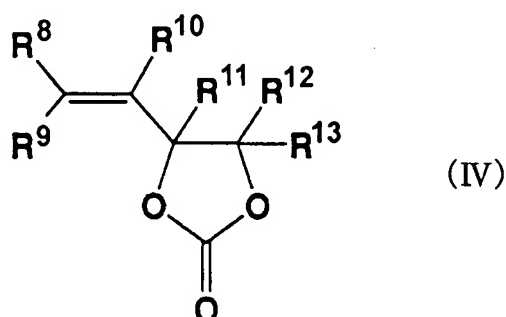
Claim 11. (previously presented) The non-aqueous electrolyte according to claim 3, wherein said cyclic carboxylate (b1) is at least one cyclic carboxylate selected from the group consisting of γ -butyrolactone, γ -valerolactone, γ -caprolactone, γ -octanolactone, β -butyrolactone, δ -valerolactone and ϵ -caprolactone.

Claim 12. (canceled)

Claim 13. (original) The non-aqueous electrolyte according to any one of claims 3, 5 and 7, wherein said vinylene carbonate compound (c1) is represented by the following formula (III):



wherein R^6 and R^7 each independently represent a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or a branched alkyl group,
and said vinylethylene carbonate compound (c2) is represented by the following formula (IV):



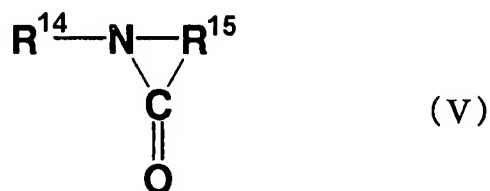
wherein R^8 to R^{13} each independently represent a hydrogen atom, or a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms.

Claim 14. (original) The non-aqueous electrolyte according to claim 13, wherein said vinylene carbonate compound (c1) is at least one vinylene carbonate compound selected from the group consisting of vinylene carbonate, 4-methylvinylene carbonate, 4-ethylvinylene carbonate, 4,5-dimethylvinylene carbonate, 4,5-diethylvinylene carbonate and 4-methyl-5-ethylvinylene carbonate, and said vinylethylene carbonate compound (c2) is at least one vinylethylene carbonate compound selected from the group consisting of 4-vinylethylene carbonate, 4-vinyl-4-methylethylene carbonate, 4-vinyl-4-ethylethylene carbonate,

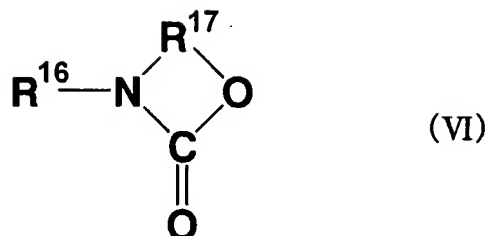
4-vinyl-4-n-propylethylene carbonate, 4-vinyl-5-methylethylene carbonate, 4-vinyl-5-ethylethylene carbonate, and 4-vinyl-5-n-propylethylene carbonate.

Claim 15. (original) The non-aqueous electrolyte according to claim 13, wherein a content of at least one compound selected from said vinylene carbonate compound (c1) and said vinylene carbonate compound (c2) is 0.1 to 15% by weight based on the total weight of said non-aqueous electrolyte.

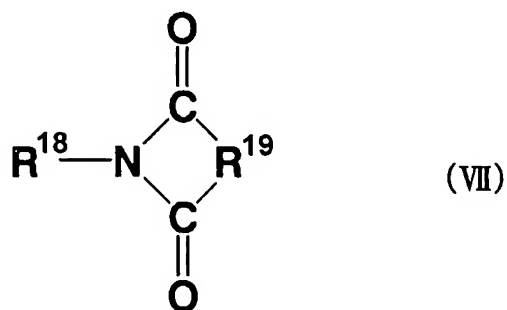
Claim 16. (withdrawn) The non-aqueous electrolyte according to claim 5 or 6, wherein said cyclic amide compound (d1) is represented by the following formula (V):



wherein R¹⁴ represents a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a vinyl group or an allyl group, or a cycloalkyl group, an aryl group or an aralkyl group having 6 to 8 carbon atoms, and R¹⁵ represents a divalent hydrocarbon group having 2 to 8 carbon atoms, said cyclic carbamate compound (d2) is represented by the following formula (VI):



wherein R¹⁶ represents a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a vinyl group or an allyl group, or a cycloalkyl group, an aryl group or an aralkyl group having 6 to 8 carbon atoms, and R¹⁷ represents a divalent hydrocarbon group having 2 to 8 carbon atoms, and said heterocyclic compound (d3) is represented by the following formula (VII):



wherein R¹⁸ represents a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a vinyl group or an allyl group, or a cycloalkyl group, an aryl group or an aralkyl group having 6 to 8 carbon atoms, and R¹⁹ represents a divalent hydrocarbon group having 2 to 8 carbon atoms.

Claim 17. (withdrawn) The non-aqueous electrolyte according to claim 16, wherein a content of said at least one compound selected from the cyclic amide compound (d1), the cyclic

carbamate compound (d2) and the heterocyclic compound (d3) is 0.1 to 15% by weight based on the total weight of the non-aqueous electrolyte.

Claim 18. (original) The non-aqueous electrolyte according to any one of claims 1, 3, 5 and 7, wherein said lithium salt is an inorganic acid lithium salt selected from LiPF_6 and LiBF_4 , or an organic acid lithium salt selected from the group consisting of LiCF_3SO_3 , $\text{LiN}(\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_2)_2$, $\text{LiN}(\text{C}_2\text{F}_5\text{SO}_2)_2$, $\text{LiN}(\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_2)(\text{C}_4\text{F}_9\text{SO}_2)$, $\text{LiPF}_3(\text{C}_2\text{F}_5)_3$ and $\text{LiB}(\text{CF}_3\text{COO})_4$.

Claim 19. (original) A lithium secondary battery comprising the non-aqueous electrolyte according to any one of claims 1, 3, 5 and 7, and a positive electrode and a negative electrode which are capable of storing and releasing lithium.

Claim 20. (original) The lithium secondary battery according to claim 19, wherein said negative electrode satisfies the following conditions:

(1) said negative electrode comprises an anode material comprising a graphite carbonaceous material (A) having a plane spacing d_{002} value of the (002) plane of less than 0.337 nm and a carbonaceous material (B) having the plane spacing d_{002} value of the (002) plane of 0.337 nm or more, as measured by wide-angle X-ray diffractometry;

(2) that the weight ratio between said graphite carbonaceous material (A) and said carbonaceous material (B) is 99.5:0.5 to 50:50; and

(3) that said anode material has an R value of more than 0.2 and 1.5 or less, wherein the R value is represented by IB/IA wherein IA represents a peak intensity appearing in the range of from 1,570 to 1,620 cm^{-1} , and IB represents a peak intensity appearing in the range of from 1,350 to 1,370 cm^{-1} , as measured by Raman spectroscopy using an argon ion laser with a wavelength of 514.5 nm.

Claim 21. (original) The lithium secondary battery according to claim 20, wherein said graphite carbonaceous material (A) has at least part of a surface thereof coated with said carbonaceous material (B).

Claim 22. (original) The lithium secondary battery according to claim 20 or 21, wherein said anode material is obtained by calcining a mixture of said graphite carbonaceous material (A) and an organic material.

Claim 23. (original) The lithium secondary battery according to claim 22, wherein said calcination is conducted at a calcination temperature of 500 to 2,200°C.

Claim 24. (original) The lithium secondary battery according to claim 20, wherein the R value of said anode material is 0.35 to 1.1.

Claim 25. (original) The lithium secondary battery according to claim 20, wherein the R value of said anode material is 0.4 to 0.9.

Claim 26. (original) The lithium secondary battery according to claim 20, wherein said anode material has an intensity ratio represented by $ABC(101)/AB(101)$ of 0.15 or more, wherein $AB(101)$ represents a peak intensity ascribed to the orientation of the hexagonal crystal system graphite layer, and $ABC(101)$ represents a peak intensity ascribed to the orientation of the rhombohedral crystal system graphite layer, as measured by wide-angle X-ray diffractometry.

Claim 27. (original) The lithium secondary battery according to claim 20, wherein said graphite carbonaceous material (A) has an intensity ratio represented by $ABC(101)/AB(101)$ of 0.2 or more.

Claim 28. (original) The lithium secondary battery according to claim 20, wherein said anode material comprising said graphite carbonaceous material (A) and said carbonaceous

material (B) has a surface area of 0.5 to 25 m²/g as measured by a BET method.

Claim 29. (original) The lithium secondary battery according to claim 20, wherein said anode material comprising said graphite carbonaceous material (A) and said carbonaceous material (B) has a particle diameter of 4 to 40 μm.

Claim 30. (previously presented) The lithium secondary battery according to claim 19, wherein said negative electrode comprises at least one anode material selected from the group consisting of a carbonaceous material having a d value of the (002) plane of 0.335 to 0.34 nm as measured by X-ray diffractometry, an oxide of at least one metal selected from the group consisting of Sn, Si and Al, and an alloy of lithium and at least one metal selected from the group consisting of Sn, Si and Al.